



# Indiana Department of Education

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Jeff Zaring, State Board Administrator

**DATE:** April 28, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Recognition of accrediting agencies for purposes of IC 20-51 and IC 21-12

The following three programs base eligibility on accreditation by either the State Board of Education or a national or regional accreditation agency that is recognized by the state board:

- School Scholarship program (IC 20-51)
- Choice Scholarship program (IC 20-51, as added by HEA 1003-2011)
- Twenty-First Century Scholars program (IC 20-12-6)

The State Board of Education has adopted a list of recognized accrediting agencies for purposes of school improvement planning. The list has been applied to the School Scholarship program and Twenty-First Century Scholars program.

The Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education formally recognize the attached list of accrediting agencies for purposes of all three programs cited above. The list can be amended by Board action at any time.

## Proposed List of Recognized Accrediting Agencies

For purposes of the School Scholarship program (IC 20-51), Choice Scholarship program (IC 20-51, as added by HEA 1003-2011), and Twenty-First Century Scholars program (IC 20-12-6), the Indiana State Board of Education recognizes the following accrediting agencies:

1. [Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities \(AASDAS\)](#)
2. [American Association of Christian Schools \(AACCS\)](#)
3. [Association of Christian Schools International \(ACSI\)](#)
4. [Christian Schools International \(CSI\)](#)
5. [Independent Schools Association of the Central States \(ISACS\)](#)
6. [International Christian Accrediting Association \(ICAA\)](#)
7. [National Lutheran Schools Accreditation \(NLSA\)](#)
8. [North Central Association \(NCA\)](#)